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SUBJECT: GSP AND THE OECD

1. THE FIRST REVISION OF OECD DOCUMENT TC/6P/75 DATED  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1977 AND ENTITLED THE "FIRST SURVEY OF THE  
GSP" HAS JUST ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON. WHILE AT FIRST READING  
THIS APPEARS TO BE AN EXCELLENT REPORT INCORPORATING MANY  
OF THE SUGGESTIONS FROM THE GROUP OF PREFERENCES MEETING IN  
JUNE, THERE IS ONE FACTUAL ERROR CONCERNING THE US GSP.  
IN PARAGRAPH 65 THE REPORT STATES THAT EXCEPTIONS CAN BE  
MADE TO THE US COMPETITIVE NEED RESTRICTIONS FOR BENEFICIA-  
RIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS IS INCORRECT. THE  
PRESIDENT HAS NO DISCRETION IN THE DETERMINATION OF COMPE-  
TITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS, BUT MUST EXCLUDE THOSE COUNTRIES  
THAT ACCORDING TO THE TRADE STATISTICS HAVE EXCEEDED THE  
COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS. PERHAPS THE CONFUSION RESULTS  
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FROM THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES HAVE DISCRETION  
CONCERNING THE REDESIGNATION OF A COUNTRY THAT WAS EXCLUDED  
BY COMPETITIVE NEED FOR A CERTAIN PRODUCT, BUT IN A  
SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR FELL BELOW THE COMPETITIVE NEED  
LIMITS. IN THIS CASE THE PRESIDENT MAY, (BUT DOES NOT  
HAVE TO), REDESIGNATE THE COUNTRY FOR GSP ON THAT ITEM FOR  
THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

2. MISSION SHOULD INFORMALLY BRING THIS ERROR TO THE  
ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARIAT, AND ASK THAT THE LAST  
SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 65 BE DELETED IN ANY FURTHER REVISION  
OF THE REPORT. VANCE

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